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**Mail Stop Amendment**

Application No. : 10/642,684

Group Art Unit : 3738

Filed : August 19, 2003

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For : INTERVERTEBRAL CAGE

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111** in the above-captioned application.

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 22, 2005, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on February 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.**

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.